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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7207

BILL NUMBER: HB 1190

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 25, 2011

BILL AMENDED: Jan 25, 2011

SUBJECT: Ballots and Voting Systems.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Richardson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *School Board Offices*- The bill provides that school board offices must be placed on the ballot under a nonpartisan title. (Under current law, school board offices must be placed under a separate column on the ballot.)

Sample Ballots- The bill removes the requirement that a sample ballot must be an exact copy of the official ballot and requires a sample ballot to be altered so that marks on the sample ballot cannot be counted as votes.

Unique Candidate Identifier- The bill provides that a county election board may require its voting system to display a ballot number or other designation that uniquely identifies the candidates. (Under current law, voting systems are required to display such a unique number or designation.)

Repealer- The bill repeals an obsolete statute relating to voting machines.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *School Board Offices*- This provision could reduce ballot printing expenditures in counties with optical scan voting systems, if school board candidates did not have to be in separate columns on the ballot. A ballot card costs about \$0.32.

Sample Ballots- The provision would allow county election boards to alter sample ballots, which would likely involve the border's timing and code markings. With the changes, an optical scanner would not be able to vote the sample ballot in error. This provision should not have any fiscal impact on local expenditures.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

Information Sources:

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